

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 18th
 8:30 AM Luis & Remedios Del Mundo
 5:00 PM Arnold Davis

Sunday August 19th
 8:30 AM John Cassis
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Edward Tosi (Van Nostrand)
 5:00 PM Antoni Wieczorek

Monday August 20th
 8:30 AM Anastasia & Victor Stankiewicz
 12:00 PM Corinne Biello

Tuesday August 21st
 8:30 AM Dennis Tetrone
 12:00 PM Daniel Cahill

Wednesday August 22nd
 8:30 AM Mary McTighe
 12:00 PM Anthony Bruno

Thursday August 23rd
 8:30 AM _____
 12:00 PM Frank Essex

Friday August 24th
 8:30 AM Clotilda Hur (Living Intention)
 12:00 PM _____

Saturday August 25th
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl
 5:00 PM Charles Crawbuck

Sunday August 26th
 8:30 AM Joseph
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Gregory P. Golaszewski
 5:00 PM Antoni Wieczorek

PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Leung, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Richard Kelly, Rose Jonsson, Vincent Lucanie, Peggy Racanelli, Maureen Medina, Jeanne Woods, Ron Areas, Bonnie Nison, Peter Ruelius, Pat Reilly, Marilyn Jagiello, Vera Garofalo, Carolyn Kalnberg, Frank Kalnberg, Faith Fedechko, Margaret Hefferon, Josie Bellina, Manuel Juan Perez, Dianne Nudelman, Inez Arastia, Sofia Robello, Lorraine Kohlmann, Samuel Mantilla, Caroline Pugliese, Rev. Joseph Gurdak, OFM, Cap., Patricia Riddick, Salvatore Tuminello, Daniella Salcau, Joel Rivera, Felipe Vallejo, Agatha Tardi, Adam Martini, Christine Smolenski, Louis Barberi, Dcn. Frances Galson, Mary Wiley, Norman Zuniga, Nancy (Ann) Fallon, Grace DiFazio, John Chocko, Rose Pullano, Cathie Greulich, Gabriel Manno-Providence, Ann Dauria, Jimmy Murphy, Harriet Kessel, Sr. Mary Parry, O.P., Mary Sheehan, John Murphy, Mary Albert, Ida Medearis, Maureen Remsen, Rosa Rivera, Elaine LeCrann, Jane Lawson, Richard Eisenzopf, James Bast, and for **all of our parishioners who are currently hospitalized or homebound.**



PRAY FOR THE ARMED SERVICES

Capt. Peter Sulewski, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. Patrick Davis, U.S. Army (JAG); Sgt. Beau Parham, U.S. Army; Major Paul Lentz, USAF; Sgt. Larry Saume, U.S. Army; Capt. Travis Swiatocha, USMC, Pvt. Tim Richardson, U.S. Army, SCSO Ajay James, (NSW) U.S. Navy, and **all parishioners currently in the Military**



Pray for all of our **police, fire, and corrections officers**, who risk their lives daily to insure our safety.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Angelo Brevetti

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – August 19th
Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – August 20th
Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

TUESDAY - August 21st
Saint Pius X, Pope

WEDNESDAY – August 22nd
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30am
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**

THURSDAY – August 23rd
Weekday
 -Brahms' Requiem "Summer Sing-In"-Church at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – August 24th
Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

SATURDAY – August 25th
Weekday

If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please stop into the Rectory for a Census Form Mon. thru Sat. 9am-4pm.

GOING ON VACATION?

To find **times of local Masses** anywhere you travel go to www.MassTimes.org.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Many thanks for this week's flower donation given in **loving memory of:**
Catherine Visconti
 by
 Her Daughter Mary Visconti



TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**
Richard Hunt
 by
 Barbara Hunt

MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given in **loving memory of:**
Henry Jagiello
 by
 Marilyn & Family

Dear Parishioners;

Again this Sunday, the Gospel is drawn from Jesus' very long dialogue on the Eucharist as found in St. John's Gospel. Oddly in his narrative of the Last Supper, John does not include the words of Institution ("This is My Body...this is my Blood of the new covenant") rather he characterizes the type of service to be rendered by those who are followers of Christ. It is John alone who includes the scene of Our Lord humbly washing the feet of the disciples, a task usually assigned to the person with the lowest status in a household. "I have given you an example, so that you also must do."

John uses the image of the vine and the branches as a metaphor of our union with and reliance on Jesus. In this week's citation, Jesus builds on the ancient tradition of the manna given by God through Moses to the Hebrews in their desert wandering. Typical of St. John, Jesus is misunderstood by His listeners: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" A repulsive notion to His listeners! But Jesus has given a hint of the manner in which this will be accomplished by His constant references to "I am the living bread come down from heaven...whoever eats this bread will live forever...the bread I will give is my flesh for the world." Jesus goes on to assure His disciples that just as He has life that flows from the Father, His followers "who feed on Me, will have life because of Me...whoever eats this bread will live forever".

John is preparing us for the gift of the Eucharist. Under the appearances of two very simple foodstuffs: unleavened bread and a cup of wine, Jesus in His Risen nature will be present. Just as these two food staples underlie most meals in the Mediterranean world (both then and now!) and sustain natural life: the Bread and Wine of the Eucharistic meal will lead to eternal life. As with regular food, what we eat becomes us and in a manner of speaking we become it. The ordinary brings about the extraordinary.

The worthy reception of Holy Communion requires a determination to become like Him, Whom we have consumed under the simple appearances of bread and wine. The Gospels are filled with examples of how that is to be accomplished. As mentioned: "I have given you an example so you also must do." (John 13: 1-20). We are to be transformed to be more and more like Christ, Who is present in a special way at this sacred meal.

Following on this, before the liturgical changes originating in the Second Vatican Council, the priest concluded Mass with the Latin words: "Ite, missa est!" Often inadequately translated as "Go, the Mass is ended." it in fact meant: "Go, you are sent!" That sending was so important, that eventually it gave its name to the rest of the Eucharistic celebration. Mass or "misa" in the Romance languages, comes directly from that dismissal. "Go, you are sent!" Strengthened now by the twin gifts of the Word, proclaimed at Mass, and then a worthy reception of the Lord in Holy Communion, we are sent to bring the Good News out into the world.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

K-7th Grade Registration for Newcomers

Our Lady of Mercy Religious Ed will be holding registration for *newcomers* from **2:00pm – 6:00pm** on:

WED., Sept. 5th; THURS., Sept. 6th; & MON., Sept. 11th

- K-5th Grade classes are held on Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 4:15pm, starting Sept. 26.
- Sixth and seventh grade classes are held on Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:30pm, starting Sept. 27.

Fees are \$150 for one child, \$225 for two children and \$275 for three children or more.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate at the time of registration.

RCIA INVITATION

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or desires to become a Catholic, the RCIA is a program of welcome, prayer, and reflection that can help you take the next step. This program is also for baptized Catholics who are need of the sacraments First Communion or Confirmation. It is our privilege to help you be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please contact David or Carol Powell at 718-261-6285.

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Unfortunately, we are frequently finding ourselves at Mass with a lack of Ministers, Lectors, and Servers. Since these occasions will probably be even more frequent during the summer months, we will need your help as follows:

If You Are Now Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors:

- First, please enter your name on the schedule sheets, in the vestibule of the Church, for any open dates that you can cover.
- Second, and **probably most important, whatever Mass that you attend, please stop into the Sacristy** to ask if your particular services are needed for that Mass.

If you **wish to become a Eucharistic Minister or Lector**, a training course will be given sometime in October. If interested please leave your name & telephone number at the Rectory & we will call you in September

Altar Servers: Whatever Mass that you attend, **ALWAYS** go to the Sacristy to serve. There is no limit on the number of altar Servers who may serve at a Mass.

If we all work together, there should never be a Mass lacking Ministers, Lectors, or Servers, and the celebrant won't have to search the congregation for help. Thank You!

QUEENS' SUMMER SINGS

AT OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

The Forest Hills Choir in conjunction with the Queens Oratorio Society and Scola Sine Nomine will be sponsoring a "Sing-In":

8/23 at 7:30pm-Brahms' Requiem conducted by Ronnie Oliver Jr. According to the conductor: "We are hoping for a healthy mix of professional and amateur singers. Our aim is for members of the community to be part of a creative and fun endeavor together." "The object is to have fun. This is a social night at the end of the summer for the community."

Tickets are \$15 each and are available at the doors. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome. No prior musical study is required.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please consider donating schools supplies

In just a few short weeks, students will be returning to school after the summer break. "We want to ensure that all our students are armed with the tools to be successful; to learn, make friends, and flourish." Our Lady of Mercy Church wants to ensure that all students and parents have the resources and support they need to be successful. With the help of donations from you we will provide students with grade-appropriate school supplies so they can focus on the job of being a student, and their parents can focus on seeing their success this school year. Please consider donating school supplies like those suggested as follows on the wish list; Folders; Binders; Crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc.; Art supplies; Baby Wipes; Disinfecting wipes; Tissues; Paper Towels There will be a receptacle for donations in the Church Vestibule

Thank you for your support & God Bless!

Deacon Dean Dobbins

Director of Human Services Our Lady of Mercy Church

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Pantry could use some help in replenishing supplies. Some suggestions are: tuna fish, canned stews, hash, or Spam, Chef Boyardee, powdered or Parmalat milk, jelly, rice, canned or packaged soups, packets of pasta & rice "Sides", canned fruits, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, toothpaste, soaps, shampoos, and any other personal hygiene and non-perishable food items.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF PARISH SPACE

Parish groups, who have not already done so, please submit your requests for meeting space in Parish buildings for the 2018-2019 season by August 20th.

Please be aware of the following:

- The request should specify the room that you need as well as the time you need it for, including set-up time
- All parish spaces are closed on major holidays No events/meetings will be put on the calendar for those days.
- In the event that your group needs to cancel a meeting/event, the Rectory office must be notified.
- All requests must indicate a "contact person" with telephone number. and email.

Please email request to office@mercyhills.org or drop it off at the rectory.

We will notify you of any dates that conflict with the existing Parish schedule

ALTAR SERVER SPONSORSHIPS

Many thanks to all those who have given a donation to defray the cost of the altar servers trip to Rye Playland several weeks ago and the purchase of new altar servers albs (which are sorely needed). Those of you who still wish to contribute can either use the envelopes provided in the Church or your own envelope marked "Altar Server Sponsorship" and drop it in the collection basket. Again, we thank you all for your support!



The Bulletin Board

- **Helpers of God's Precious Infants** at the All Women's Pavilion, 120-34 Queens Blvd., on Saturdays between 7:00 AM and 11:30 AM in a peaceful, prayerful witness to life. Lives are saved and the way to conversion is opened. Join us for any amount of time.
- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs:** The OLQM Catholic School Academy will celebrate it's 90th Anniversary this Fall. Are you an alumnus/a of OLQM Catholic School, Forest Hills? Come celebrate with us. Please fill out the alumni form at the school academy link at olqmca.org.
- **Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home** (42-41 201 St. in Bayside) is **seeking a part-time Activity Leaders**, Monday through Friday; no experience necessary; good verbal/writing, interpersonal skills to work with senior population; **Reliability a must**. For further info call Marilyn Gindi at 718-971-2708.
- **Bridge to Life, Inc.** (www.thebridgetolife.org) is **seeking dedicated & ambitious applicant for PT Admin. Asst. position**. Requirements: Exp. in office procedures; MS Office; database mgt.; social media campaigns; type 50 WPM; bilingual in Spanish a plus. Please email your resume to cblack@thebridgetolife.org or call 718-463-1810.

OLM/CYO SPORTS NEWS

The 2018-19 CYO sports schedule will bring a change to sports programs at Our Lady of Mercy and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Players from both parishes will compete together as one team in girls and boys basketball, and girls soccer. The Tri-M Swim Team will remain the same. Additional information for registration will soon be posted in the bulletin.

FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT

Feel and look great at our exercise class every Wednesday from **8:30 to 9:30 AM** in the Parish Hall. The class focuses on gentle movements for your muscles and joints. There is a nominal fee of \$2 per session. Please come and enjoy the fitness fun. **All ages are welcome.**

THE DEANERY CORNER

- **The Bereavement Support Group at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** offers understanding, compassion, and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Meetings are held in the rectory, and facilitated by Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader, Yorke Mizelle. Call the OLQM rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending or more info, email ymizelle@nyc.rr.com
- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church** will hold its Annual Summer Blood Drive. The NY Blood Center Mobile Bus will be in the church parking lot (near Ascan Ave. entrance) on Sunday, August 26th from 9:15am to 3:15pm.

POOR BOX

We continue to receive requests for assistance so we ask you to please remember the poor and make a donation to the Poor Boxes at the entries of the Church. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated

MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Consider the possibility of a donation of the **Bread & Wine, Flowers for the Altar, Tabernacle Light, or the Memorial Worship Fund** in memory of a special person. Names of all those memorialized will be published in the bulletin. Call or stop by the Rectory to arrange your memorial.

Since the 2019 Mass Book will not be opened for a while yet, please take advantage of the many openings for Masses as well as Memorials that remain open for 2018.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL GIVES BACK

Our Lady of Mercy will share in the profits. For each **donated car, truck or van, running or not**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to **our parish \$75/\$200 per vehicle**. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Our Lady of Mercy Parish received several hundred dollars last year because of the kindness of those who contributed their old car to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and mentioned our Church. Please continue to spread the word, and thank you for your support. Call the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718-491-2525**

CHOIR NEWS

Our choir welcomes everyone, (Adult and Youth from 7th Gr. Up). You do not need to be able to read music and there are no formal auditions. We meet in the Parish Hall on Sundays at 9:30am to warm up for the 10:00am Mass and rehearse after the Mass from 11:00am to 12:00 Noon. If you are interested in this valuable ministry, please join our choir by contacting Jane Lawson (Director of Music) at the rectory or after Mass on the weekends in Church.

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please remember to **write the amount of your offering in the space provided on the front of the envelope**. Since the **envelopes are used to record your offering** after the donation is removed, **it is necessary that the amount be written on the front.** Thank you

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Please **do not bring clothing** to, or **leave it on the steps of**, the Rectory. We no longer have the space to store it or the ability to distribute it. Thank you for your understanding.

As you are leaving Mass, please remember to take all of your personal belongings, to return all hymnals, bulletins and newspapers to their proper place, and to dispose of all refuse in the receptacles provided at the Church doors. Please take pride in our Church, and leave the pews clean. Thank You!

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

***There will be no Divine Mercy devotions for the month of August. Devotions will be resume in September 2018.**